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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
QUESTION 7 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 8

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Question 7 of Chairman's Information Request No. 8, issued on February 8, 2013. The question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Question 7**

In Library Reference USPS-FY12-NP26, the Postal Service does not identify the total number of third-party packages that were delivered to competitive Post Office Boxes in FY 2012. For FY 2013, please explain how the Postal Service plans to identify the number of third-party packages that are delivered to competitive Post Office Box service locations.

**RESPONSE:**

USPS-FY12-NP26, Excel Spreadsheet "Competitive and Market Dominant PO Box Attributable Costs 2012," tab No. of Parcels, contains the estimate of 110,272 third-party packages delivered to competitive Post Office Boxes for FY2012. This estimate was based on the estimated number of private carrier packages delivered in FY 2011, relying on data from the initial 49 sites as shown in the spreadsheet "Competitive and Market Dominant P.O. Box Attributable Costs 2012.xls," tab "No. of Parcels."

For FY 2013, the Postal Service plans to update the estimate of private carrier packages delivered, by counting packages delivered during a representative period, at a sample of offices with street-addressed Post Office boxes.

In the response to Chairman's Information Request No. 5, Question 1, in Docket No. CP2013-3 (Nov. 7, 2012), the Postal Service indicated that "[w]e also plan to identify these packages, where possible, by scanning the third party carrier labels once the Product Tracking System is upgraded." That scanning application is not available currently, but will be used in the future.